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SUBJECT: REPORT OF U. S. MANEUVERS IN LOS DEVELOPMENTS.

1. BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR TODAY APPROACHED AMBASSADOR BURNS WITH EXPRESSION OF CONCERN THAT U. S. HAD CIRCULATED ON MARCH 9 TO LATIN AMERICAN REPS OTHER THAN BRAZILIAN, ECUADOREAN AND PERUVIAN (PRESUMABLY IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK) AN AIDE- MEMOIRE WHICH TENDED TO SUPPORT LOS POSITIONS OF OTHER LATINS AT EXPENSE OF TWO HUNDRED MILE HARD- LINERS. BRAZILIAN SAID PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR HAD SHOWN HIM COPY OF THIS AIDE- MEMOIRE. AMBASSADOR TOLD BRAZILIAN HE WAS TOTALLY UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH MEMORANDUM, AND OUR SUBSEQUENT FILE SEARCH SUGGESTS ONLY THAT IT MIGHT BE SOMEHOW RELATED TO STATE 34924 OF FEBRUARY 26, 1973. BRAZILIAN CONVEYED FEELING THAT USG WAS ENGAGING IN DIRTY POOL AND, WHEREAS THIS WAS ALL RIGHT AS REGARDS WEST COAST COUNTRIES, IT WAS NOT ALL RIGHT AS REGARDS BRAZIL IN VIEW OF CLOSE U. S. - BRAZIL TIES AND CURRENT FISHING ACCORD.

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2. AN ASSOCIATED BIT OF GOSSIP PASSED ON BY BRAZILIAN WAS THAT PERUVIAN AND ECUADOREAN FONOFFS HAVE SOMEHOW CONVINCED THEMSELVES THAT, AS PART OF PACKAGE TO SETTLE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS, USG HAS PREVAILED UPON CHILEANS TO MAKE MAJOR CONCESSIONS IN ITS LOS POLICY. GOE AND GOP HAVE REQUESTED MEETING WITH GOC IN SANTIAGO ON JUNE 4 WITH OBJECT OF PREVENTING ANY CHILEAN BACKSLIDING ON DEFENSE OF TWO HUNDRED MILES.

3. COMMENTS: WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT PURPORTED USG MEMORANDUM OF MARCH 9 MAY BE RELATED TO, BUT, IF BRAZILIAN IS CORRECT, GOP, GOE AND GOB HAVE CONVINCED THEMSELVES THAT USG IS ENGAGED IN DEVIOUS MANEUVER AGAINST THEIR INTERESTS. IT MIGHT HELP THE ATMOSPHERE SOMEWHAT IF WE COULD CLEAR UP THIS SITUATION, EITHER HERE OR IN OTHER CAPITALS. WITH REGARD TO TIDBIT REPORTED PARA TWO WE CAN ONLY WISH CONTINUED CONFUSION TO THE OPPOSITION.
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